

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in work session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 11, 2017 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Work Session.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte called roll. The following Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

**Linda M. Smrkovsky, Chair, District 2  
John S. Sweetser, District 3**

**SERVICE AWARDS:** Luna County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez presented a service award to Myrna Duarte for 5 years of service.

Chair Smrkovsky tabled the presentation of service awards for Gloria Palacios, whom was not present.

Glory Juarez presented a service award to Danny Gonzales for 20 years of service.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Luna County Sheriff Kelly Gannaway presented Deputy Robert Nordof a plaque honoring him for going to great measures while dispatched on a call to a swarm of bees on September 1, 2017. Safety Review Committee Chairman William Ruiz and Vice Chairman Frankie Tarazon also awarded Deputy Nordof with a Challenge Coin. Deputy Nordof thanked the community of Luna County and his fellow co-workers.

Executive Director Laurie Findley Chamber of Commerce gave an update on upcoming events which included the Annual Golf Tournament, Luna County Stuff the Bus, Coats for Kids, Craft and Gift Fair and the Façade Squad Renovation Ceremony for Leyendecker Plaza. She also reported that the social media app "Everything in Deming" was getting a lot of hits.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Smrkovsky stated that Wade Worrell was interested in an opportunity to bid for the County Auction when it comes up.

**COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DISCUSSION ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Luna County Board of County Commissioners presented the Regular Meeting Agenda items for discussion. (*\*Note: Items were presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.*)

Chair Smrkovsky expressed concern about rescinding the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws without the new Bylaws being in place. Luna County Manager Ira Pearson advised he would like to review and update the bylaws and present the new bylaws to the board for approval.

DWI Director Edith Vazquez gave a brief presentation on the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week which will take place October 23 to October 30, 2017.

County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez informed the board the polling locations for the upcoming 2018 Primary and General Elections will be the same.

Mr. Pearson announced that the whole month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recommended approval of the Proclamation.


**PUBLIC INPUT:** Chair Smrkovsky stated that she attended the New Mexico Association of Counties Economic Development Infrastructure and Policy Committee meeting and the State will be having a phone webinar regarding a grant for Economic Development on Thursday, October 12, 2017.

Commissioner Sweetser will be attending the New Mexico Association of Counties Board meeting in Silver City on Friday, in place of Chair Smrkovsky.

Mr. Ray Krecji, expressed concern about the Gila River project due to an article that was published in the Deming Headlight.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk  
Governor)

Approved: 11/09/2017

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Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2

  
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John S. Sweetser, District 3